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Re: Application of Gérard JAULENT
**"GAS BURNER-TYPE COMBUSTION DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
 OPERATING SAME"**
 Our Ref.: 3978.016
 Customer Number: 000041288

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- this express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- a French Language International Application with European Search Report
- an English (translation of the) International Application.
- an English (translation of) Article 19 claim amendments.
- English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER) and French language IPER.
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings
- Preliminary Amendment.

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The present application claims the benefit of the priority of French Application No. 02/07983 filed June 27, 2002.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

Assertion is hereby made that the inventor qualifies as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "GAS BURNER-TYPE COMBUSTION DEVICE AND ITS METHOD FOR OPERATING" described in the specification filed herewith.

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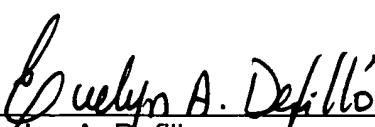
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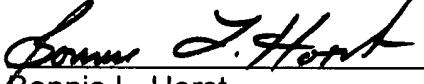
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